Weather West · 14 hours ago

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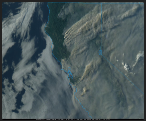

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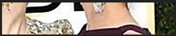

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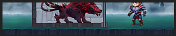

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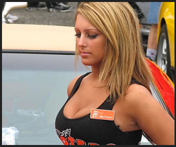

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Straw Berryessa (Winters) • 7 hours ago

Monsoon moisture, although unwelcome, made for a nice if creepy sunrise. Also, there are a few patches of blue sky today and the smoke is much better than it has been.

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Dave Chisler • 7 hours ago

A quick update on Bonny Doon from good friends: it sounds like CDF left the fire due to lack of resources and it’s now running feral in the area. The local volunteer fire department is still fighting it. Our friends are doctors at Dominion in Santa Cruz, the husband went to join the fight with the local FF’s, wife hasn’t heard from him in two days-fighting Covid and fighting fires all at the same time, hats off to them.

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Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) • 8 hours ago

Anyone know what model the NWS uses for the smoke forecast?

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Dave Chisler • 8 hours ago

More updates and crazyness. We are currently glamping in the Centerville (close to the Alameda Creek, up against the hills; Fremont). Last night, we heard what sounded like muted firecrackers. What it was? A freaking house fire about a hundred yards from where we are sleeping. I’m dating myself a little but, remember The Pink Panther series and the antagonist Captain of Clostuea who tries to kill him throughout the whole series. He starts getting a strange eye tick after every failed attempt-my wife has that tick now, every time she hears fire engines sirens.

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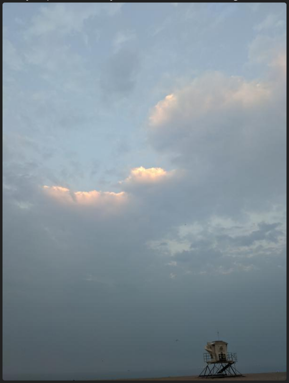
Fairweathercactus • 8 hours ago

I am at bolsa chica Beach life guard tower 20 today. Might get lucky and see some lightning today. Open invite if you want to shoot through



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Dave Chisler ➦ Fairweathercactus • 8 hours ago

Huntington Beach?

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Straw Berryessa (Winters) • 9 hours ago

Video I took of the area of the eastern edge of the LCU fire aftermath.

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Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) Straw Berryessa (Winters) • 8 hours ago

Looks like a lot of the oaks survived the ground fire, what would you say Straw Berryessa more or less damage than you expected?

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Straw Berryessa (Winters) Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) • 7 hours ago

I saw some pretty large oak trees that were burned high into the canopy, and there used to be several giant oaks right along the road that had already been cut down after burning.

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Tuolumne Straw Berryessa (Winters) • 7 hours ago

I expect most oaks will bounce back nicely even after being singed. However, to the extent that the bark has been burned through or even just the cambium layer killed in some spots on the trunk or branches, rot may eventually get in at those locations. The tree will try to heal these spots but that's not always successful.

In future years I'd be cautious about a burned oak located where it could cause damage or be dangerous if it fell. If in doubt, have an arborist look at it.

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alanstorm Straw Berryessa (Winters) • 8 hours ago

Geez

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Raul Aranovich • 9 hours ago

I've been following Daniel's blog for a long time, but this is the first time I feel I need to post a comment. When the thunderstorm hit at 4 AM on Sunday the 16, I was at anchor at China Camp in a small sailboat with my family. I got out of the cabin not knowing what was going on. Quite the wild ride that morning. No time for pictures. When we could we appreciated the lightning show and the sunrise. Now, the storm took us by surprise, even though we checked the forecast and the weather reports. Was this event such a freak one that no models could predict it?

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EastBayDipole Raul Aranovich • 7 hours ago • edited

It was sort of predicted, they said a possibility days out, then as it got closer it got more certain. BTW, We had several hours of lightning and I got great shots off my iPhone video. I was actually surprised how good they came out. I've tried to post them here, but it doesn't let me post video's for some reason.

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CrashingOut Raul Aranovich • 8 hours ago

Right before the event predictions were for bucketloads of lightning, it took a number of hours for the event to arrive and forecasters kind of nailed it - I went and filmed based off their predictions and the results spoke for themselves when I posted them the other day.

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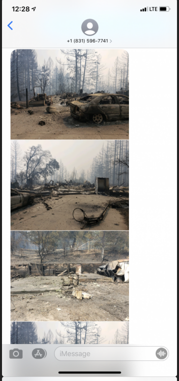
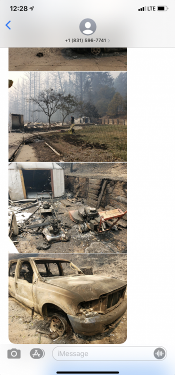
Dave Chisler • 14 hours ago

Getting videos, information from friends, post on our local CZU page. It looks like most if not all firefighting capacity is being put into downtown Boulder Creek. Areas north of Boulder Creek, there are resources for looting but, no fire support. The best way I can explained it is that there are multiple hot spots moving slowly like lava with many houses lost and many standing, truly mercy of the gods. My house is still standing as of an hour ago. Daniel posted an infrared signature GIF of my friends neighborhood being engulfed on Pinecrest/Tiehl streets north of BC, yesterday (I think, mental fatigue is kicking in) Here are the pictures of my friends house (illustration of the intensity of the heat). Some Dark humor rolled like “the grass law did survive”; “hey, the view through the trees is much better”. I took a local music teaching position to help out my daughters school last year and I’m an assistant coach for a local soccer club (in fact, the house that burned is from a good friend and player on my son’s team). So, it’s truly heartbreaking when my wife says”so and so house just burnt down. I logged with a friend (this sums up the essence of Boulder Creek, I’m a logger and music educator) whose family has logged for a hundred years in the SCM; they lost a big chunk of family history and their home (part of the same fire hotspot that took my other friends home just a ridge over China Grade over to Pinecrest). Truly Godsmacked





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Chris (Morgan Hill) ➦ Dave Chisler • 8 hours ago

So sad 😢

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alanstorm ➦ Dave Chisler • 8 hours ago

Truly sad. Those areas under the gun were a big part of my life. I know what its like to be evacuated, but luckily haven’t experienced losing my home.
Fingers crossed for the weather cooperating: NO WINDS

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Dave Chisler ➦ alanstorm • 8 hours ago

Your friend’s find a place from Zayante?

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alanstorm ➦ Dave Chisler • 8 hours ago

He & his lady stayed put for the night. Looters & all. I tried to advise bailing earlier but you know, he’s gonna do what he’s gonna do.
Says if Ben Lomond starts going up, he’ll leave. Graham Hill Rd I presume.
I wouldn’t want to get trapped on Upper Zayante trying to escape

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Dave Chisler ➦ alanstorm • 8 hours ago

My thoughts exactly. My neighbor’s friends have had a terrible problem up and down the valley with looting. As you know, a lot of good people in the valley. Unfortunately, I think it’s coming his way.

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alanstorm ➦ Dave Chisler • 7 hours ago

Tomorrow supposed to be a wind shift coming out of the South, so hoping the fire will blow back on itself away from BL & BC, they could be spared

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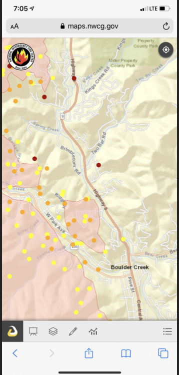
Dave Chisler ➦ alanstorm • 7 hours ago • edited



I’m on Kings Creek

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PRCounty (Santa Lucia's) ➦ Dave Chisler • 8 hours ago

Your house is still there, you say! Good luck! You might just make it out of this with your home. Wishing you the best!

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Dave Chisler ➦ PRCounty (Santa Lucia's) • 8 hours ago

It’s agonizing right now, but thanks!

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PRCounty (Santa Lucia's) ➦ Dave Chisler • 8 hours ago

Of course, you are welcome!

Are you waiting in a comfortable place? Were able to leave with anything from home, clothes, pets, etc?

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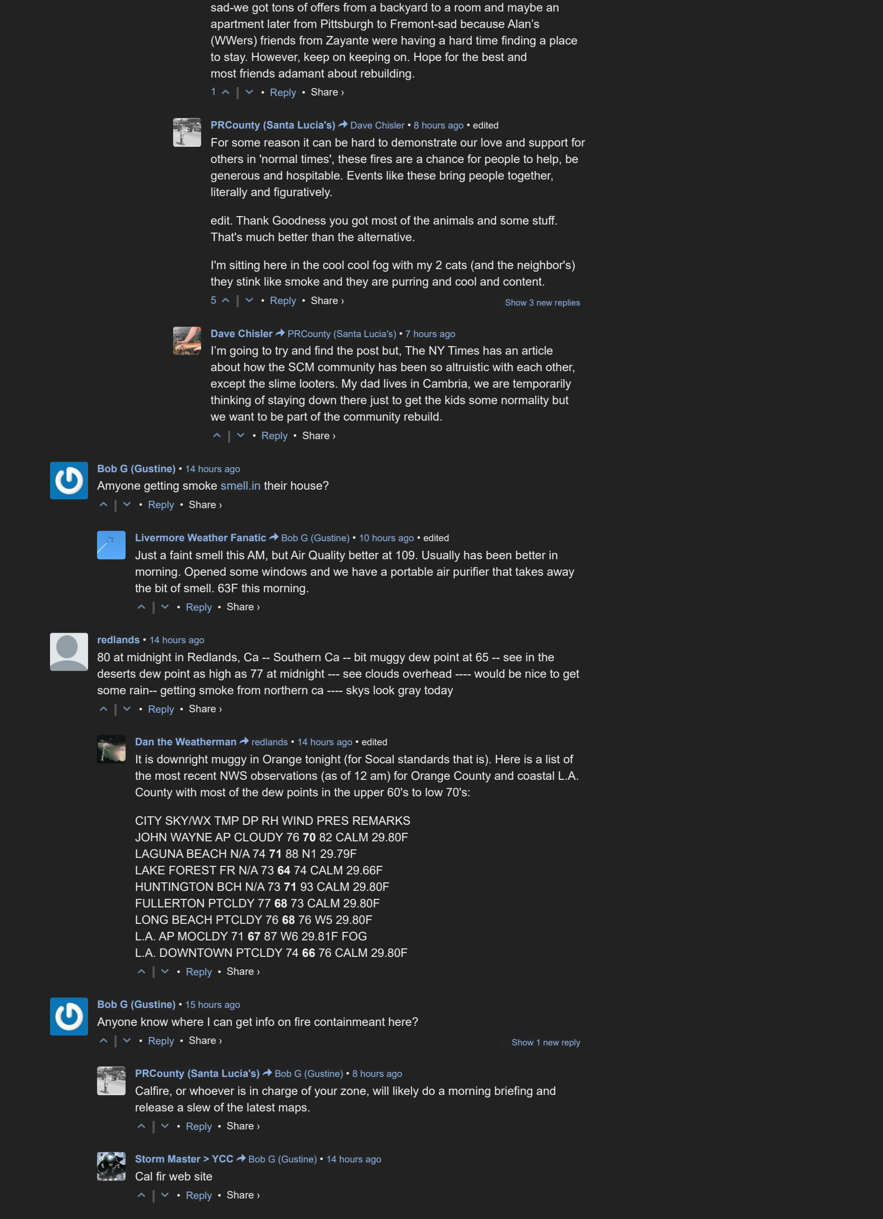
Dave Chisler ➦ PRCounty (Santa Lucia's) • 8 hours ago

Some stuff. Most animals (English Staffie, two guinea pigs and a leopard gecko, unfortunately not the fish.) Just God smack and a little



sad-we got tons of offers from a backyard to a room and maybe an apartment later from Pittsburgh to Fremont-sad because Alan's (WWers) friends from Zayante were having a hard time finding a place to stay. However, keep on keeping on. Hope for the best and most friends adamant about rebuilding.

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PRCounty (Santa Lucia's) ➦ Dave Chisler • 8 hours ago • edited

For some reason it can be hard to demonstrate our love and support for others in 'normal times', these fires are a chance for people to help, be generous and hospitable. Events like these bring people together, literally and figuratively.

edit. Thank Goodness you got most of the animals and some stuff. That's much better than the alternative.

I'm sitting here in the cool cool fog with my 2 cats (and the neighbor's) they stink like smoke and they are purring and cool and content.

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Dave Chisler ➦ PRCounty (Santa Lucia's) • 7 hours ago

I'm going to try and find the post but, The NY Times has an article about how the SCM community has been so altruistic with each other, except the slime looters. My dad lives in Cambria, we are temporarily thinking of staying down there just to get the kids some normality but we want to be part of the community rebuild.

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Bob G (Gustine) • 14 hours ago

Amyone getting smoke smell.in their house?

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Livermore Weather Fanatic ➦ Bob G (Gustine) • 10 hours ago • edited

Just a faint smell this AM, but Air Quality better at 109. Usually has been better in morning. Opened some windows and we have a portable air purifier that takes away the bit of smell. 63F this morning.

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redlands • 14 hours ago

80 at midnight in Redlands, Ca -- Southern Ca -- bit muggy dew point at 65 -- see in the deserts dew point as high as 77 at midnight --- see clouds overhead ---- would be nice to get some rain-- getting smoke from northern ca ---- skys look gray today

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Dan the Weatherman ➦ redlands • 14 hours ago • edited

It is downright muggy in Orange tonight (for Socal standards that is). Here is a list of the most recent NWS observations (as of 12 am) for Orange County and coastal L.A. County with most of the dew points in the upper 60's to low 70's:

CITY SKY/WX TMP DP RH WIND PRES REMARKS
JOHN WAYNE AP CLOUDY 76 **70** 82 CALM 29.80F
LAGUNA BEACH N/A 74 **71** 88 N1 29.79F
LAKE FOREST FR N/A 73 **64** 74 CALM 29.66F
HUNTINGTON BCH N/A 73 **71** 93 CALM 29.80F
FULLERTON PTCLDY 77 **68** 73 CALM 29.80F
LONG BEACH PTCLDY 76 **68** 76 W5 29.80F
L.A. AP MOCLDY 71 **67** 87 W6 29.81F FOG
L.A. DOWNTOWN PTCLDY 74 **66** 76 CALM 29.80F

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Bob G (Gustine) • 15 hours ago

Anyone know where I can get info on fire containmeant here?

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PRCounty (Santa Lucia's) ➦ Bob G (Gustine) • 8 hours ago

Calfire, or whoever is in charge of your zone, will likely do a morning briefing and release a slew of the latest maps.

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Storm Master > YCC ➦ Bob G (Gustine) • 14 hours ago

Cal fir web site

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StratusQuo20 (SMX) • 15 hours ago • edited

Hoping all the thunderstorm activity stays well south of the Bay Area. They've seen enough. Otherwise an interesting weekend for SoCal, if the smoke clears. I can hardly see a cloud or stars in the last few days. Can hardly breathe outside.

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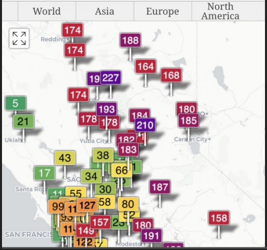
alanstorm • 15 hours ago • edited

With an AQI of 452, breathing in Santa Cruz is hazardous.
Followed not far behind by King City & Fresno at 325



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Storm Master > YCC • 15 hours ago

this is like Dense fog lol we have Dense Smoke tonight visibility look less than three miles if you look on the live cam

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Geomagnetic_Storm(San Jose) ↪ Storm Master > YCC • 15 hours ago

Heading there tomorrow for my birthday. Hoping no thunderstorms happen. 😬

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Storm Master > YCC ↪ Geomagnetic_Storm(San Jose) • 15 hours ago

if you where hoping too find some clean air well you wont find it here lol

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Geomagnetic_Storm(San Jose) ↪ Storm Master > YCC • 15 hours ago

We are supposed to go fishing. Ugh!

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CrashingOut • 16 hours ago

https://squawalpine.com/mou...

Three months from now I'd expect those white flashes by the camera to be snow. I know what they are right now however, this sucks.

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Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) ➦ CrashingOut • 16 hours ago

Crazy! You're right, it looks just like a light snowfall :(

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Captain Hook • 16 hours ago • edited

I've been following Dr. Swain's blog since 2013 during the extreme drought.

Though I post infrequently, I really appreciate the community on this blog and Dr. Swain's ability to concisely explain meteorologically complex topics.

The wild fire outbreak in California is extreme. In my county of Santa Cruz, one in five residents has evacuated their homes--approximately 65,000 souls. Having this source of information and the supportive community of readers is a solace in this difficult time.

Today I donated some items to the SC County warehouse. There was a line of cars about 3 blocks long waiting to drop off needed supplies. People are responding and supporting others in this time of desperate need.

I sincerely hope the fires spare you and yours.

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Thunderstorm ➦ Captain Hook • 16 hours ago • edited

Thats a stellar start for you on this site.Welcome aboard! You have 7 up votes already.

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Michelle McAfee • 17 hours ago

Thank you so much for these very detailed weather reports - they are so helpful.

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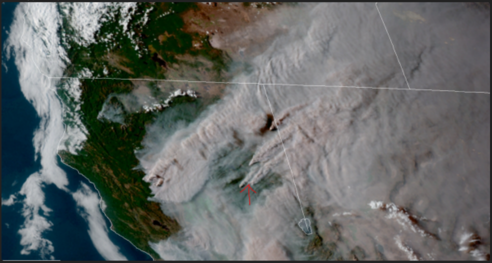
Carson Lee Side • 17 hours ago • edited

An evening GOES view focused on the many plumes rising out of NorCal; I drew an arrow pointing to the location of Quincy, CA. Currently that mountain hamlet is sitting nearly between to active blazes. The one on the east (Claremont Fire) has already caused some evacuations. But the one to the west (unnamed?) is up wind and looks to burning hot. That one seems troublesome.

Another thing I noticed looking at the loop this evening was the large dust plume blowing off of the Summer Lake playa in the Oregon outback. It looks like there are some windy conditions to our north associated with the PacNW trough. Let's hope that windy Pacific energy stays up there.



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Thunderstorm ➦ Carson Lee Side • 17 hours ago

For some reason can not do a post without using the reply to someone else.
After reading all the NWS sites forecasts up to Oregon down to San Diego. I think our lightning event here by Fremont will come SE over the Hamilton range. Seems circulation stays intact all the way up into California. Some of the most intense thunderstorms here by Fremont have come in from the south east.

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AR (Scorchyvale) ➦ Thunderstorm • 16 hours ago

I've noticed that here in Sunnyvale too, though usually with more low-based thunderstorms (as the SE flow cancels out the marine influence). With the elevated convection expected for this weekend, I'm not sure how much of a difference the direction will make. Either way, here's hoping the storms trend maybe 50 miles west.

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Thunderstorm ➦ AR (Scorchyvale) • 16 hours ago

Indeed enough already,Uncle.

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Tuolumne ➦ Carson Lee Side • 17 hours ago

Summer lake used to have some water in it back around 1990 or so when I first dropped by. Remote country, typical intermountain landscape of sagebrush, irrigated hay farms in the valley, and a terminal lake. Stopped off for coffee on a rainy day and the waitress set down a full coffeepot on the table for me to enjoy. Listened to local ranchers talking about how one rancher got fined for killing a deer that was mortally wounded on a barbed wire fence. 'That meat should be in the freezer instead of being eaten by coyotes!'

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Central Vallejo ➦ Tuolumne • 15 hours ago

"...coffee on a rainy day..." Yes, this.

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PRCounty (Santa Lucia's) ➦ Central Vallejo • 8 hours ago

Decaf black tea with milk, in the cool fog and clean(ish) cool air of Pacific Grove is heavenly, at this moment.

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Carson Lee Side ➦ Tuolumne • 17 hours ago

There's a nice little hot spring resort at the south end of that valley; some good soaking to be had there.

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PRCounty (Santa Lucia's) • 17 hours ago

They are trying to get ahead of the weather. Carmel fire not terribly active at the moment, and they just evac. warned half the valley, including The Village, and everything south of HWY 68. *"Based on expected weather"*

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locust415 • 17 hours ago • edited

I look at Los Angeles forecast they will get thunderstorms with rain but not in Bay Area. So not fair. Only dry storms here.

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Al (Victorville) ➦ locust415 • 8 hours ago

Unfortunately, it looks like the mountains (from the SBA county mountains to up the Sierra’s) will block any low-level moisture from advancing NW-ward past it. Gotta love/hate the complex terrain we have in this state. In fact, the one thing I hate is when it completely blocks the winter rains from reaching the lee-side valleys/deserts.

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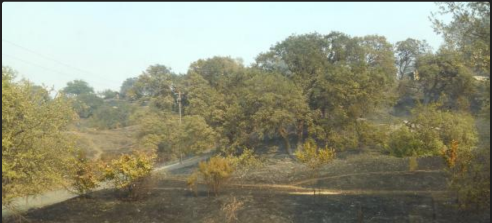
Straw Berryessa (Winters) • 18 hours ago

This afternoon it dawned on me that since my place is already inside the CHP blockade, I could actually go scope out some of the damage. I saw the first burned house about 3 miles from my place, on Putah Creek Road just west of the diversion dam for the Putah South Canal. Just past that is a massive temporary PGE staging site for repairing the power lines in the burn area. I took some video, it's uploading to Youtube, I'll post it later.



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Pfirman ➦ Straw Berryessa (Winters) • 17 hours ago

As you may know, just east of the diversion dam is the owner of Buckhorn. Close.

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G Dan Mitchell • 18 hours ago

For the second time in the past couple of days we are getting very clean air in San Jose and, from what I see online, in other areas of the San Francisco peninsula and nearby. I'm guessing we're getting a marine air intrusion.

We just completely opened up the house, but we'll watch for the return of the smoke. (It has also been very bad at times.)

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Great Winter of 17 (SanCarlos) ➦ G Dan Mitchell • 15 hours ago

We’ve only had about 4 hours of unhealthy air quality this week. Seems the wind frequently has shifted it east of us

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Noah's ARk (209) ➦ G Dan Mitchell • 16 hours ago

We are still at level 5 in the SJV.

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Central Vallejo ➦ G Dan Mitchell • 18 hours ago

I'm doing the same and keeping a close eye on purpleair.

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Pfirman ➦ Central Vallejo • 16 hours ago

And sniffer in the air?

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Central Vallejo ➦ Pfirman • 15 hours ago

Yep!

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SloTruckeeJohn • 18 hours ago

Hard for me to complain with all the extremely difficult times so many of you have had the last few days. But it has been challenging for my family here in SLO. My 2 teenage daughters have asthma and other respiratory issues and my wife and I have had to seal them in our house due to the hazardous levels of smoke. And of course, we don’t have air conditioning. Very few homes do within the central coastal valleys. Some strange orographics have resulted in very warm evenings in downtown SLO. Our indoor temps have been consistently in the high 80s. Miserable. These kids have had a really difficult time over the last 5 months. I wish I could show them a silver lining, for now I’m just trying to keep a positive outlook but it is not easy. I apologize for the sobbing ramble but WW has always been a place of solace for many of us. Thank you to Daniel for providing this forum and to all of you for your understanding.

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Livermore Weather Fanatic ➦ SloTruckeeJohn • 10 hours ago • edited

Rants and rambles are the order of the day for all of the PTSD that must be going around. If you can swing it, Amazon has a portable air conditioner that is good for one room. We had the DeLonghi model. It does require an exhaust out a window, but it comes with the panel to insert in the open slot in window. Runs on 115V. Somewhat noisy. $350-$400.

If you have forced air heat, turn on the "fan only option." It at least moves the air around.

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CHeden (cottonwood) ↪ Livermore Weather Fanatic • 8 hours ago

If the ducts are under the house, then O.K. to run the fan. If the ducts are in the attic (like my place), then the recirc air gets warmed which adds heat to the house. A portable swamp cooler is my recommendation. Low cost, no plumbing, and excellent air filtration as smoke particles get trapped at the water evaporator.

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Oakland Porg ↪ SloTruckeeJohn • 17 hours ago

Similar situation here John. The kids were handling quarantine by spending most of their time outside. Now they are inside 24/7 and overheated. It’s really hard on kids.

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PRCounty (Santa Lucia's) ↪ SloTruckeeJohn • 17 hours ago

I'm sorry that sounds awful. That is a long time, and then this! You have a right share thank you for doing so.

Your daughters will know they are loved by the care you are giving to them. That's the biggest thing you can give them.

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Erin ↪ SloTruckeeJohn • 18 hours ago

Same situation here in Walnut Creek, bad air, no AC, house at the worst was 87 inside. I'm seriously considering adding AC before next summer. Even now when most of the bay is enjoying decent air quality we're still over 100.

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Oakland Porg ↪ Erin • 17 hours ago

We are in the same boat as you. We are in front of fans all day and night.

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EastBayDipole ↪ SloTruckeeJohn • 18 hours ago

Room air conditioner? Might be worth the trip to Home Depot.

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SloTruckeeJohn ↪ EastBayDipole • 18 hours ago

I’ve tried all over the County and nothing is available for purchase. Portable, window unit, whatever. Nothing available.

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Wonderland Park ↪ SloTruckeeJohn • 18 hours ago • edited

They suck, I have one running right now. It only manages 1-2F off the outside temps. A bit of humidity reduction. Not great, really only meant for like an 8x8 room. I’m in the bedroom with the thing running and I’m still damp.

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CrashingOut ↪ Wonderland Park • 16 hours ago

be sure your inlets aren't clogged or any other elements need attention. Keeping A/C clean is vital for good performance.

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Palos Verdes ↪ Wonderland Park • 16 hours ago

In Novato we had to suffice with one. If you can put it in the central most room, crack a window on the opposite side of the house, keep all the blinds closed and run it 24/7 it can hopefully get the core of the house cool?

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Wonderland Park ↪ SloTruckeeJohn • 18 hours ago

Its the dewpoints which are killing me. No AC in LA. No breeze, low air quality. Most miserable I have been since I bought my place 8 years ago. That’s why I went up to Morro Bay last weekend, just for cool air and to get on my bike for outdoor exercise. Well, can’t get away from it now. Just cranky and tired with multiple 4-5 hours of sleep nights. This blows, I hear ya, I can't imagine this up there in SLO with kids.

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Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) ➦ SloTruckeeJohn • 18 hours ago

Dang, I didn't realize SLO's climate was so different than the Central valley. 76.9 for the average high in Aug, and 61.1 for the average high in December. Hopefully you'll get a good breeze to wash away the smoke soon.

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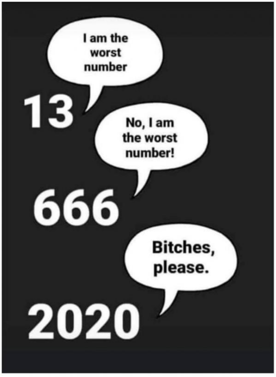
Glenshire Covidiot • 18 hours ago


I am the worst number
13
No, I am the worst number!
666
Bitches, please.
2020

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Thunderstorm ➦ Glenshire Covidiot • 17 hours ago

I'm always looking for something every day for the 300 calendar I started about 5 months ago. Never thought it would be so awesome. Thanks much appreciated!

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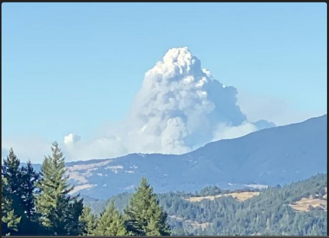
alanstorm • 18 hours ago

Life & death of a pyrocum over Glenn County's August Complex when afternoon winds whipped up.
Turns into a kitty-cat then a camel



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Pfirman ➦ alanstorm • 16 hours ago

Nasty. Plaskett Meadows more or less. So glad I did not go.

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Tuolumne ➦ Pfirman • 16 hours ago

That place is now a real Plaskett case.

Fond memories of the wonderful group campground there. Large sugar pines dropping cones on us. One made a direct hit on a stovepipe.

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Livermore Weather Fanatic ➦ Tuolumne • 10 hours ago
Never take a nap under a sugar pine or coconut tree.
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Pfirman ➦ Tuolumne • 16 hours ago
Masterson.
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el miradero • 18 hours ago
Another day of heat index temps due to high dew points but cooler maximum and earlier sea breeze
95/ 72
1 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Tyler Price (Seaside, E: 128') • 19 hours ago
The sky looks
Like it's on fire 🔥 tonight!! (No pun intended)

see more

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el miradero ➦ Tyler Price (Seaside, E: 128') • 19 hours ago
Look like the marine layer.
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Tyler Price (Seaside, E: 128') ➦ el miradero • 19 hours ago
Yeah it actually is more mixed today. Mix of smoke and marine layer so it doesn't look AS bad as yesterday (the smoke) here, but I'm afraid that the only thing the marine layer is doing is masking the large amounts of smoke that's mixed in with it.. pretty sure the smoke is just as bad as it was yesterday, it's just hard to tell by looking at the sky today due to the marine layer present with the smoke.
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Pfirman ➦ Tyler Price (Seaside, E: 128') • 16 hours ago
Powerline Plus Post.
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Admode (Oroville) • 19 hours ago
Thanks Daniel.
6 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Ted Williams • 19 hours ago • edited
Anyone hear from runningsprings??!!???

When I lived in waterman canyon On the orchard we would share pleasantries. Hope he is well.
1 ^ | ˅ • Reply • Share ›

Carson Lee Side ➦ Ted Williams • 19 hours ago
To my recollection, Running Springs went quiet some time around May. There have been a couple of events recently, such as the Apple Fire, that I thought may pull him out. But still silent. And yes, I have been trying to trigger him from time to time with some 'that's what she said' opportunities.
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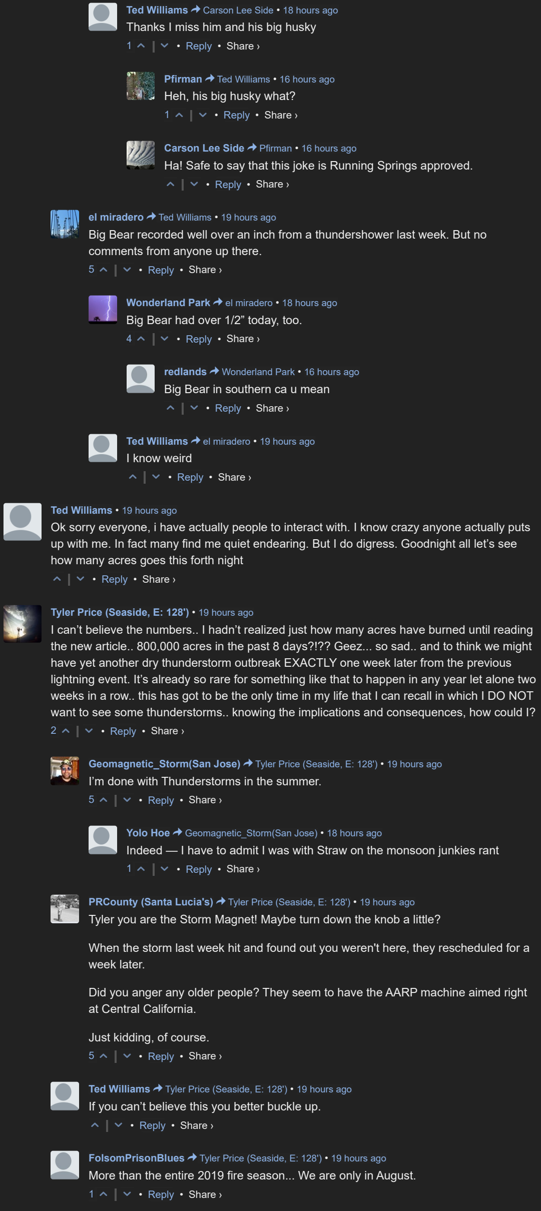

Ted Williams ➦ Carson Lee Side • 18 hours ago
Thanks I miss him and his big husky
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Pfirman ➦ Ted Williams • 16 hours ago
Heh, his big husky what?
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Carson Lee Side ➦ Pfirman • 16 hours ago
Ha! Safe to say that this joke is Running Springs approved.
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el miradero ➦ Ted Williams • 19 hours ago
Big Bear recorded well over an inch from a thundershower last week. But no comments from anyone up there.
5 ⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

Wonderland Park ➦ el miradero • 18 hours ago
Big Bear had over 1/2” today, too.
4 ⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

redlands ➦ Wonderland Park • 16 hours ago
Big Bear in southern ca u mean
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Ted Williams ➦ el miradero • 19 hours ago
I know weird
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Ted Williams • 19 hours ago
Ok sorry everyone, i have actually people to interact with. I know crazy anyone actually puts up with me. In fact many find me quiet endearing. But I do digress. Goodnight all let’s see how many acres goes this forth night
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Tyler Price (Seaside, E: 128') • 19 hours ago
I can’t believe the numbers.. I hadn’t realized just how many acres have burned until reading the new article.. 800,000 acres in the past 8 days?!?? Geez... so sad.. and to think we might have yet another dry thunderstorm outbreak EXACTLY one week later from the previous lightning event. It’s already so rare for something like that to happen in any year let alone two weeks in a row.. this has got to be the only time in my life that I can recall in which I DO NOT want to see some thunderstorms.. knowing the implications and consequences, how could I?
2 ⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

Geomagnetic_Storm(San Jose) ➦ Tyler Price (Seaside, E: 128') • 19 hours ago
I’m done with Thunderstorms in the summer.
5 ⌃ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

Yolo Hoe ➦ Geomagnetic_Storm(San Jose) • 18 hours ago
Indeed — I have to admit I was with Straw on the monsoon junkies rant
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PRCounty (Santa Lucia's) ➦ Tyler Price (Seaside, E: 128') • 19 hours ago
Tyler you are the Storm Magnet! Maybe turn down the knob a little?

When the storm last week hit and found out you weren't here, they rescheduled for a week later.

Did you anger any older people? They seem to have the AARP machine aimed right at Central California.

Just kidding, of course.
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Ted Williams ➦ Tyler Price (Seaside, E: 128') • 19 hours ago
If you can’t believe this you better buckle up.
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FolsomPrisonBlues ➦ Tyler Price (Seaside, E: 128') • 19 hours ago
More than the entire 2019 fire season... We are only in August.
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Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) ➦ FolsomPrisonBlues • 19 hours ago

We haven't even had our first PSPS.

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Straw Berryessa (Winters) ➦ Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) • 18 hours ago

Gotta correct you there. We had one here back in June.

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Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) ➦ Straw Berryessa (Winters) • 18 hours ago

In Winters? I could be wrong, but I don't think we had one in Pollock yet...

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pangaea_ultima • 19 hours ago

I am honestly somewhat surprised that these containment numbers are this good. Maybe I'm just looking for some small shred of optimism in all of this insanity.

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Admode (Oroville) ➦ pangaea_ultima • 19 hours ago

Those numbers are not necessarily good. A lot of context is always left out of containment numbers when thats all you're given.

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Pfirman ➦ Admode (Oroville) • 16 hours ago

The local volunteer response ongoing in Capay Valley would warm your heart. Second night, wind expected this time.

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Ted Williams • 19 hours ago

Thanks Tyler, my 5 mins of fame has come and passed.

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Tyler Price (Seaside, E: 128') ➦ Ted Williams • 19 hours ago

Why thank me?? What did I do to contribute?

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Ted Williams ➦ Tyler Price (Seaside, E: 128') • 19 hours ago

How was Idaho you thinking of moving or just vacationing

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Tyler Price (Seaside, E: 128') ➦ Ted Williams • 18 hours ago • edited

Just visited Idaho to see family. Don't plan to move there. Love California. Besides keeping track of the weather in California is too much fun especially during our rain season. Fire season not so much..

plus I don't wanna miss our next big rain season, no matter how long I have to wait for it.

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Ted Williams ➦ Tyler Price (Seaside, E: 128') • 18 hours ago • edited

I need to check our cour de Alane . I've always thought I could never live east of cascade/Sierra but who knows anymore.

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Ormsby County donut hole • 19 hours ago

Thanks Daniel! 2008 was a walk in the park compared to what California is facing right now. Pray for rain and lots of it.

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Ted Williams ➦ Ormsby County donut hole • 19 hours ago • edited

Well let's pray for a slow steady rain. Don't get to carried away

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Al (Victorville) ➦ Ted Williams • 18 hours ago • edited

True. CA needs rain, but not all at once. In fact, the only thing I'm afraid when a storm comes in (by mid-october up north in the Bay Area) that its in the form of an AR hitting a burned area.

Note: Last year, there was a lack of AR activity across the state.

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Thunder98 ➦ Al (Victorville) • 18 hours ago

I hoping for light to moderate steady rain events

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Oakland Porg • 19 hours ago

Thank you Daniel. The post gave me enough info so that I can be prepared by tomorrow evening for more fire starts. We will be ready to evacuate just in case, and will be hoping that Genevieve goes out to sea.

3 ^ | ⌄ • Reply • Share ›

Storm Master > YCC • 19 hours ago

here is what the weather is doing in my area it is smoked overcast right now in fact thing has gone down hill a little bit with the smoke

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Snow Walker (Pollock Pines) ➦ Storm Master > YCC • 19 hours ago • edited

Storm, what kind of ash are you getting? Is it really light and flaky or larger, like parts of leaves? I heard people in Sacramento were getting leaves but up here its really fine small flaky ash.

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el miradero • 19 hours ago

Thanks Daniel for walking us through these weather events. Next week looks grim.

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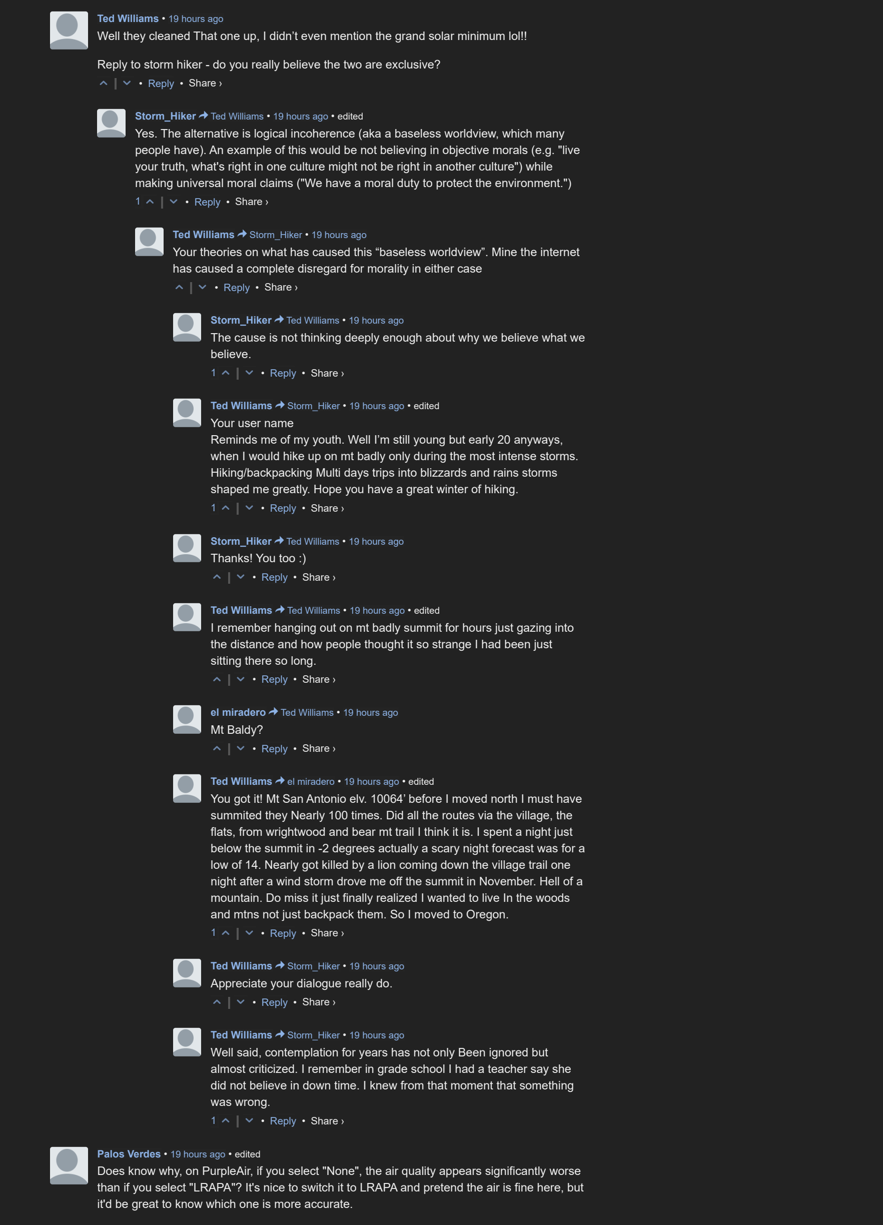

Ted Williams • 19 hours ago

Well they cleaned That one up, I didn’t even mention the grand solar minimum lol!!

Reply to storm hiker - do you really believe the two are exclusive?

Storm_Hiker ↪ Ted Williams • 19 hours ago • edited

Yes. The alternative is logical incoherence (aka a baseless worldview, which many people have). An example of this would be not believing in objective morals (e.g. "live your truth, what's right in one culture might not be right in another culture") while making universal moral claims ("We have a moral duty to protect the environment.")

Ted Williams ↪ Storm_Hiker • 19 hours ago

Your theories on what has caused this “baseless worldview”. Mine the internet has caused a complete disregard for morality in either case

Storm_Hiker ↪ Ted Williams • 19 hours ago

The cause is not thinking deeply enough about why we believe what we believe.

Ted Williams ↪ Storm_Hiker • 19 hours ago • edited

Your user name
Reminds me of my youth. Well I’m still young but early 20 anyways, when I would hike up on mt badly only during the most intense storms. Hiking/backpacking Multi days trips into blizzards and rains storms shaped me greatly. Hope you have a great winter of hiking.

Storm_Hiker ↪ Ted Williams • 19 hours ago

Thanks! You too :)

Ted Williams ↪ Ted Williams • 19 hours ago • edited

I remember hanging out on mt badly summit for hours just gazing into the distance and how people thought it so strange I had been just sitting there so long.

el miradero ↪ Ted Williams • 19 hours ago

Mt Baldy?

Ted Williams ↪ el miradero • 19 hours ago • edited

You got it! Mt San Antonio elv. 10064’ before I moved north I must have summited they Nearly 100 times. Did all the routes via the village, the flats, from wrightwood and bear mt trail I think it is. I spent a night just below the summit in -2 degrees actually a scary night forecast was for a low of 14. Nearly got killed by a lion coming down the village trail one night after a wind storm drove me off the summit in November. Hell of a mountain. Do miss it just finally realized I wanted to live In the woods and mtns not just backpack them. So I moved to Oregon.

Ted Williams ↪ Storm_Hiker • 19 hours ago

Appreciate your dialogue really do.

Ted Williams ↪ Storm_Hiker • 19 hours ago

Well said, contemplation for years has not only Been ignored but almost criticized. I remember in grade school I had a teacher say she did not believe in down time. I knew from that moment that something was wrong.

Palos Verdes • 19 hours ago • edited

Does know why, on PurpleAir, if you select "None", the air quality appears significantly worse than if you select "LRAPA"? It's nice to switch it to LRAPA and pretend the air is fine here, but it'd be great to know which one is more accurate.

https://www.purpleair.com/m...

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Central Vallejo ➦ Palos Verdes • 19 hours ago

This was posted on the previous blog entry. Hope it helps
https://medium.com/@16fcali...

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Palos Verdes ➦ Central Vallejo • 17 hours ago

Thank you! That cleared it up, much appreciated.

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travelguru1 ➦ Palos Verdes • 19 hours ago

Looks like it add PM2.5 + PM10 rather than shows the values separately.

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GZ • 20 hours ago

Will enjoy it as if the last smoke-free day of the season

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Eddie Garcia (Atwater) ➦ GZ • 20 hours ago

where was this taken from?

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GZ ➦ Eddie Garcia (Atwater) • 20 hours ago

From the old Palo Alto dump, now a park. Looking East.

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karan • 20 hours ago • edited

QUESTION: Will all of these wildfires push wildlife such as MOUNTAIN LIONS to areas where there is no wildfire? Hills around berkeley are not on fire but a lot of places to the north and south are.

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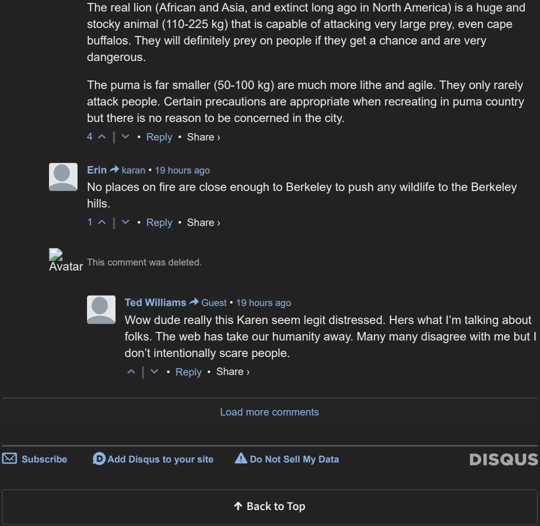
Tuolumne ➦ karan • 17 hours ago • edited

Karan, no need to worry!

Larger kinds of wildlife life like mountain lions (also known as cougars and pumas) will move out of a fire zone for their own safety, but they're not likely to go dozens of miles across multiple freeways. There are no fires close enough to Berkeley to be a concern here.

Any pumas in the hills near Berkeley (the Briones area, for example) conceivably could wander into Berkeley for other reasons. That's happened a few times in other Bay Area cities but it's quite rare.

By the way, the name *mountain lion* is unfortunate. There *is* a vague resemblance between a real lion and a "mountain lion" but they're not closely related other than being cats. People end up calling the mountain lion a "lion" for convenience but they're not the same animal at all.



The real lion (African and Asia, and extinct long ago in North America) is a huge and stocky animal (110-225 kg) that is capable of attacking very large prey, even cape buffalos. They will definitely prey on people if they get a chance and are very dangerous.

The puma is far smaller (50-100 kg) are much more lithe and agile. They only rarely attack people. Certain precautions are appropriate when recreating in puma country but there is no reason to be concerned in the city.

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Erin ➦ karan • 19 hours ago

No places on fire are close enough to Berkeley to push any wildlife to the Berkeley hills.

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Ted Williams ➦ Guest • 19 hours ago

Wow dude really this Karen seem legit distressed. Hers what I’m talking about folks. The web has take our humanity away. Many many disagree with me but I don’t intentionally scare people.

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